

Ensuring safe and dependable road access to healthy National Forests

Purpose of Meeting

- Overview of Travel Analysis Process
- Check-in with public
- Opportunity for continual input
- Question & Answers
- What's next



What is Travel Analysis?

- Analysis of entire road system on National Forest
- Discusses cultural, economic and ecological considerations
- Informs future decisions regarding changes to road access

Decisions will come after analysis is complete, involve public discussions, and phased in over time.

Why is analysis needed?



- Failing roads and bridges
- Visitor experience and public safety is put at risk
- Unmaintained roads can degrade natural resources

FS roads budget is less than 10% of what is needed annually to maintain current system.

Identifying a Network Together

Forest Road System

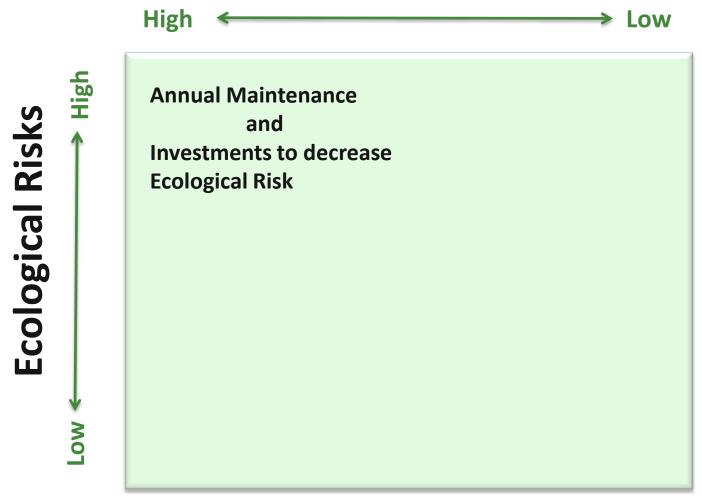
Access Needs

Ecological Risks





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High ← Low

Ecological Risks

Annual Maintenance and

Investments to decrease Environmental Risk

Intermittent Maintenance

OR

Close Stabilize

OR

Change to Other Use

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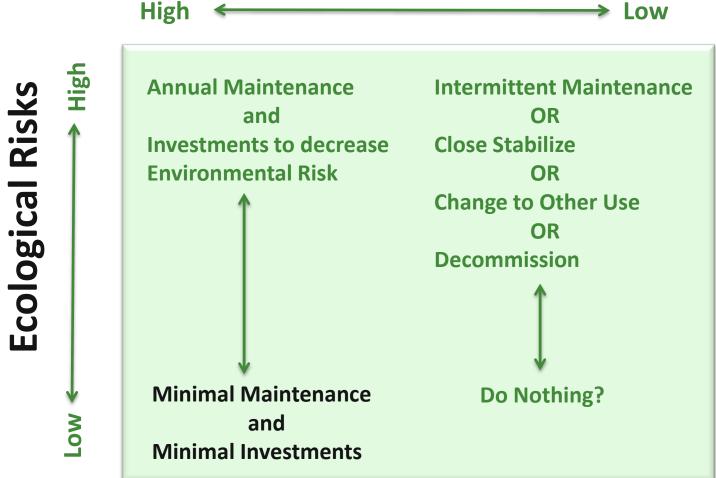
Decommission

OR?

Do Nothing?



Access Needs



Public Input Gathered so far...

- Six Public Meetings 112 people
- Forest Service Questionnaire 128 respondents
- Phone calls, Letters and Survey 11 letters, 220 respondents in survey



What we heard from you so far...

- Input covers 1500 miles of Level 2 and 50 miles of Level 1 (50% of road system)
- Most mentioned roads were main roads that are Level 3 to Level 5 (Roads 23, 21, 25, 90)





What we heard from you so far...

- Roads are used by the public for 46 recreational activities and 8 non-recreational uses
- Public identified 40 roads as possible trail conversions
- Erosion or other resource problems were identified on 36 roads



General Themes of Public Input

- Broader public engagement
- Partnerships and volunteer opportunities
- Emergency access
- Access to existing trailheads, campgrounds, hunting and gathering







General Themes of Public Input

- Accessibility for aging population and people with disabilities
- Support and concern over roads to trail conversions, OHV use, and decommissioning roads





What's next

Continue to provide input....

On-line questionnaire at http://www.fs.usda.gov/giffordpinchot/

- Forest assessing benefits, risks, and opportunities
- Stay tuned for future community engagement!





Roads shape how we experience the land we all share.